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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM
DOI EARLY SEPTEMBER 1972
SUBJECT NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT PLAN TO RELEASE U.S.
PRISONERS OF WAR FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES

ACQ VIETNAM, SAIGON (3 OCTOBER 1972) FIELD NO. [REDACTED]

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SOURCE

1. NGUYEN HUU T H O , CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE
LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM (NFLSV) AND TRAN BUU K I E M , NFLSV

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MINISTER . SAID IN EARLY SEPTEMBER 1972 THAT THE NFLSV PLANS TO RELEASE SOME U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR IN MUCH THE SAME WAY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE DONE. THE NFLSV LEADERS SAID THAT A FEW PRISONERS WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO AN AMERICAN ANTIWAR ORGANIZATION IN ORDER TO GET THE MOST PROPAGANDA IMPACT. THE LEADERS DID NOT SPECIFY THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED NOR DID THEY OUTLINE WHAT CHANNELS WOULD BE USED TO CONTACT THE AMERICAN ANTIWAR GROUP. HOWEVER , THE LEADERS DID SAY THAT THE PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED ARE NOW IN PRISON CAMPS IN "LIBERATED AREAS" OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

2. THO WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE NFLSV LEADERSHIP IS CONFIDENT THAT THE FRONT WILL SUCCEED. THO ADDED THAT THE NFLSV LEADERS ARE REALISTIC, REALIZING THAT THEY WILL NOT ACHIEVE A LARGE SUCCESS, BUT WILL SETTLE FOR A SMALL SUCCESS. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE CURRENT OFFENSIVE, THO SAID THAT IT HAS ACHIEVED SOME SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES ALREADY, BUT DID NOT CLARIFY WHAT THESE OBJECTIVES WERE.

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